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SUBJECT: IEA/IAB TRANSCRIPTS - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
REQUEST

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FOR THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN CLASSIFIED PORTIONS OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF A MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE A OF THE INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD OF THE IEA HELD ON AUGUST 31, 1976.

2. AS POSTS ARE AWARE, FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES AND THE IEA SECRETARIAT HAVE THE OPTION OF REQUESTING THAT SOME OR ALL COMMENTS OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETINGS OF IEA ADVISORY BODIES BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. ALL FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES AND THE SECRETARIAT HAVE REQUESTED THAT ALL THEIR REMARKS BE TREATED AS "CONFIDENTIAL" UNLESS CONFIDENTIAL

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SPECIFICALLY CITED BY THEM AS UNCLASSIFIED, AND WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY BEEN CLASSIFYING THEIR COMMENTS AS "CONFIDENTIAL". AT EACH REVIEW OF A TRANSCRIPT, THE INSTRUCTIONS REQUEST THAT PARTICIPANTS INDICATE ANY COMMENTS THEY ARE PREPARED TO HAVE APPEAR IN THE UNCLASSIFIED PORTION OF THE TRANSCRIPT.

3. REPRODUCED AT PARA FOUR IS THE ENTIRE PAGE IN QUESTION WITH DELETIONS NOTED. THE DELETED PORTIONS ARE DENOTED BY DOUBLE PARENTHESES AND THE REQUESTED PORTIONS BY A DOUBLE X.

4. THE CHAIRMAN: LET ME START WITH A FEW COMMENTS. THE MEETING TOMORROW, IF WE NEED ONE, WILL START AT 9:30 INSTEAD OF 9:00. OUR PRIME OBJECTIVE TODAY AND TOMORROW IS TO GO OVER THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE ALLOCATION SYSTEMS TEST AND, IF THE GROUP WISHES AT THIS STAGE, TO START WORK ON SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE REPORTING COMPANY MEETING. WE COULD TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK OR DEFER IT AND WORK ON THE REPORTING COMPANY MEETING PREPARATION IN NEW YORK, BUT IN ANY EVENT WE WILL DEFER THAT QUESTION UNTIL WE HAVE GONE THROUGH SOME OF THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE TEST. BEFORE GOING TO THE AGENDA WHICH IS BEING PASSED AROUND, I THINK THE IEA HAS A FEW REMARKS.

((MR. KEMPERMAN: WELCOME TO PARIS FOR A PEACEFUL SESSION. WHEN MOST OF US MEET HERE FOR THE NEXT SESSION WE WILL ALL BE IN BATTLE DRESS, SO, HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL BE A RELAXED MEETING.

THE SUGGESTION THAT WE START TOMORROW AT 9:30 IS A GOOD ONE BECAUSE SERVICES BEGIN TO RUN AT 9:00 BEFORE
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WE ARE ALL IN GEAR. I HOPE EVERYBODY HAS EQUIPPED HIMSELF WITH ONE OF THESE LITTLE PASSPORTS WITH A BLUE STRIPE THROUGH IT WHICH WILL GRANT ACCESS TO THE BUILDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING.

WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THREE RESTAURANTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH TABLES FOR EIGHT AT EACH. I THINK MOST OF YOU KNOW THEM. I SUGGEST THAT THE CHAIRMAN BEFORE WE GO TO LUNCH FORMS LITTLE GROUPS AND SOMEBODY FROM THE SECRETARIAT IS IN EACH OF THE GROUPS AND GUIDES IT TO THE APPROPRIATE RESTAURANT.))

THE CHAIRMAN: WHAT TIME IS LUNCH?

XX((MR. KEMPERMAN: 1:00 TO 1:15, SO PERHAPS WE SHOULD WIND UP AT 12:45.))

THE CHAIRMAN: I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A FEW PEOPLE. FROM BP WE HAVE MR. JOHN DOUST. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER ANYBODY HERE KNOWS JOHN.

XX((MR. DOUST: I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE, OF COURSE.))

XX((MR. PETTIFORD: TO CLARIFY THE POSITION, JOHN HAS TAKEN OVER MY IA RESPONSIBILITIES AND WILL BE ATTENDING THE WHOLE TEST. I WILL BE ATTENDING THE SECOND PHASE FROM 16TH OCTOBER.))

THE CHAIRMAN: WE ALSO HAVE A GENTLEMAN FROM THE FTC.

MR. MCDERMID: MY NAME IS JOHN MCDERMID.

THE CHAIRMAN: WILL YOU BE ATTENDING THESE MEETINGS?

MR. MCDERMID: YES, IN PLACE OF MR. HARRY GARFIELD.

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THE CHAIRMAN: THERE IS ONE OTHER ITEM. SOME OF US WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY DURING THIS SESSION TO GO THROUGH THE IA FACILITIES. HAS ANYBODY ELSE ANY REMARKS TO MAKE AS FAR AS THE AGENDA IS CONCERNED?

XX((MR. ALLEN: I HAVE AN OPENING REMARK TO MAKE ABOUT THE VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT. I DID CONTACT THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT REVIEW WOULD CONTINUE FOR THIS MEETING, AND UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MORE PERMANENT GUIDELINES ARE LAID DOWN, IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD UNDER THE SO-CALLED TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS AS REGARDS THE REVIEW OF VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. THOSE ARE THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH WE HAVE WORKED FROM MEETING TO MEETING SINCE APRIL.))

5. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE OIL COMPANY, OR THE IEA SECRETARIAT WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE MADE THE DELETED COMMENTS, AND URGE THEM TO AGREE TO THE RELEASE OF THESE PORTIONS OF THE TRANSCRIPT. MESSRS DOUST AND PETTIFORD ARE EMPLOYEES OF BRITISH PETROLEUM, MR. ALLEN IS AN EMPLOYEE OF SHELL INTERNATIONAL AND FOR MR. KEMPERMAN OF THE IEA SECRETARIAT, WHO HAS SINCE LEFT THE IEA PLEASE CONTACT MR. WALLACE HOPKINS.

6. YOU MAY ASSURE THEM THAT AGREEMENT TO DECLASSIFICATION OF THESE REMARKS WILL NOT COMPROMISE THEIR RIGHT TO INSIST ON RETAINING THE CLASSIFICATION OF OTHER COMMENTS THEY CONSIDER TO BE SENSITIVE. PLEASE ADVISE US OF THEIR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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